



Music Ministry Policy

PURPOSE

The Music Ministry Teams are for singers and instrumentalists who learn music quickly, can blend extremely well, are available to sing and/or play at a moment's notice, and who are very flexible!

The purpose of this policy is to familiarize the Vocal Worship Team(s) and Instrumental Worship Team(s) with the guidelines for worship and time commitments that are required to participate in the Music Ministry at *New Life Church*.

New Life Church feels that the Music Ministry should be a place where Christian adults can have an opportunity to use their God-given musical talents in worship and praise.

DESIGNATION OF TERMS

Ministers of Praise – oversees the scheduling and overall planning of the worship services in coordination with the Reach Director/Senior Pastor.

Worship Teams – vocal and instrumental worship teams will be created and rotated as needed to support Wednesday evening, Sunday morning and Saturday evening worship services.

****Although membership is not necessary for participation in New Life's Music Ministry, attendance at the Invitation class is a requirement.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM -- 5:45 PM Saturday Evening Worship Warm-up Session
6:00 PM -- 7:30 PM Saturday Evening Worship Service

Sunday

8:00 AM -- 8:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship Warm-up Session
9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Morning Worship Service
11:00 AM -- 12:30 AM Morning Worship Service

Thursday

7:00 PM -- 9:00 PM Instrumental & Vocal Worship Rehearsal for Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WARM-UP SESSION

The *Sunday Morning Worship Warm-Up Session* is provided for music ministry team members to have an opportunity to setup and rehearse prior to Sunday Morning worship services.

WORSHIP REHEARSALS

The purpose of *Worship Rehearsal Session* is to familiarize the music ministry team members with the worship songs to be used in the upcoming Saturday evening or Sunday morning service and to give the team members an opportunity to experience and learn prospective new worship pieces.

The *Worship Rehearsal Sessions* are open for all music ministry team members (vocalists and instrumentalists) and attendance *is mandatory* for participation in Saturday evening/Sunday morning worship.

REHEARSAL ABSENCES

Absences from Worship Rehearsals must be pre-approved by the Worship Leader in order to participate in an upcoming Saturday evening or Sunday morning worship service. It is the responsibility of the individual worship team member to inform the proper Worship Leader of an impending absence. This will allow the scheduling of substitutes.

In certain cases where absences could not be approved ahead of time, participation by a instrumental or vocal worship team member in a service will be at the discretion of the Worship Leader.

NEW MUSIC MINISTRY MEMBERS

All prospective new members of the *New Life* Music Ministry are required to fill out a *Music Ministry Application* and be approved and scheduled by Ministers of Praise.

New music ministry members may or may not be required to immediately participate in an upcoming worship services. All new music ministry members will be subject to a two month probationary period for Worship Service involvement in which attendance and performance are monitored.

All vocal leading/solos will be approved by the Ministers of Praise, Worship Director and Senior Pastor.. Please note, all vocalists/musicians that have been approved to lead a song and/or sing a solo will be required to sign the Leadership Integrity Covenant.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Although no ministry is more important than any other ministry in God's eyes, servants in the music ministry tend to be scrutinized longer and harder by the public because they are so visible.

The following guidelines are being provided to help music ministry members cultivate self-awareness in this sometimes confusing arena of Christian freedom (dress/style):

- No sweat pants.
- No tank tops, non-ministry oriented T-shirts, low-cut tops, back-less dresses or halter tops.
- No shorts.
- Blue jeans are acceptable as long as they are not tight-fitting.

POLICY EXCEPTIONS

All exceptions to this policy will be made at the discretion of the Ministers of Praise, Reach Director/ Senior Pastor.

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Leadership Integrity Covenant (Music Ministry)

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.” 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- Covenant Member of New Life Wesleyan Church.
- Regular attender at worship and discipleship offerings of New Life.
- Regular giver at New Life Wesleyan Church.
(At New Life Church regular giving is defined as a consistent gift of a reasonable amount for the support of the ministry of the church.)
- Regular attender of leadership meetings.
- Regular participant in ministry opportunities.
- Strong supporter of Biblical unity within the New Life Wesleyan Church.
(Please see our New Life Church Conflict Management Policy)
- Person of outstanding moral character who is committed to following Biblical ideals in the area of personal living.
 - Godly family life
 - Cohabitation outside of the bonds of marriage shall result in termination of leadership responsibilities. ***“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.” Ephesians 5:3***
 - Adultery, separation, and/or divorce will result in termination of leadership responsibilities so that all personal attention can be focused on restoration of the marriage bond.
 - Ongoing problematic behavior in the home will result in termination of leadership responsibilities so that all personal attention can be focused on the restoration of peace within the home.
 - Godly work and business ethic
 - Instances of unethical work or business practices will result in termination of leadership responsibilities so that all personal attention can be focused on restoration of personal integrity and remuneration of all those wronged.
 - Godly Public Witness
 - Habitual submission to addictive patterns of behavior will result in termination of leadership responsibilities so that all personal attention can be focused in the restoration of righteousness.

The above list of expectations is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____